

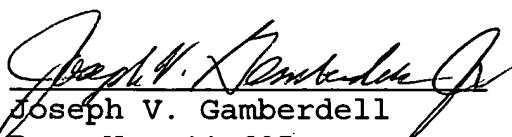
#### IV. REMARKS

1. Claim 20 remains in the application. Claim 21 is new, and claims 1-19 have been cancelled.
2. The Abstract of the Disclosure has been amended to comply with MPEP 608.01(b).

It is respectfully submitted that all of the claims present in the application are clearly novel and patentable, and are in proper form for allowance. Accordingly, favorable consideration and allowance is respectfully requested. Should any unresolved issues remain, the Examiner is invited to call Applicants' attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

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